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SUBJECT: US-SOVIET CAT: SUMMARY, JULY 20 MEETING,
MILITARY/TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

1. THE SECONDMEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MILITARY/
TECHNICAL CRITERIA WAS HELD JULY 20. BLECHMAN HEADED THE
US SIDE (ADMIRAL LYONS ATTENDED); ADMIRAL VLASOV HEADED THE
SOVIET SIDE.

2. VLASOV STATED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD CONTRIBUTE
POSITIVELY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE
MILITARY/TECHNICAL CRITERIA. HE NOTED THAT THE DRAFT
CRITERIA TABLED BY THE US SIDE ON JULY 19 DID NOT INCLUDE
CRITERIA WHICH ADDRESS RE-TRANSFERS, CO-PRODUCTION,
PRODUCTION OF ARMS FOR EXPORT, SALES PROMOTION, MORE
STRINGENT CONTROLS ON PRIVATE FIRMS, AND ARMS SALES FOR
PURELY COMMERCIAL PURPOSES. VLASOV ALSO NOTED THAT HE
HAD A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ON THE CRITERIA TABLED BY THE
US SIDE.

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3. BLECHMAN EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT THE SOVIET SIDE
WOULD PARTICIPATE IN A POSITIVE WAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT
OF MILITARY/TECHNICAL CRITERIA. HE URGED THE SOVIET
SIDE TO FORMULATE ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA AT THIS ROUND
SO THAT EACH SIDE COULD SUGGEST RECASTING OF THE
OTHER'S CRITERIA WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AGREEMENT.
WHILE EXPRESSING WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER ANY CRITERIA

SOVIET SIDE WOULD PROPOSE, HE NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS COMMERCIAL SALES, BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE INCLUDED UNDER ALL CRITERIA ALONG WITH GOVERNMENT SALES.

4. BLECHMAN DESCRIBED AT LENGTH A PROPOSED CONSULTING MECHANISM FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CRITERIA, AND PROVIDED ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF THEIR IMPLEMENTATION BY REGION. UNDER THIS PROPOSAL AN EXPERTS GROUP WOULD DRAW UP WEAPONS LISTS WITH SPECIFIC FORMS OF RESTRAINT FOR EACH WEAPON AS SOON AS CRITERIA WERE AGREED TO PROVISIONALLY BY BOTH SIDES. THE EXPERTS GROUP WOULD SERVE AS THE CORE OF A CONTINUING CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM TO REVIEW AND UPDATE WEAPONS LISTS, AND TO DISCUSS PENDING SALES THAT MIGHT BE PERCEIVED TO VIOLATE AGREED CRITERIA.

5. BLECHMAN URGED THAT THE TWO SIDES COMMIT THEMSELVES TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A MECHANISM--WITHOUT NECESSARILY AGREEING ON ITS SPECIFIC COMPOSITION--IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE INVITED SOVIET COMMENTS OR PROPOSALS ON IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES.

6. VLASOV ASKED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ON THE DEFINITION OF AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CRITERIA TO WHICH BLECHMAN PROVIDED EXTENSIVE REPLIES. THE SOVIET QUESTIONS WERE FOR THE MOST PART SERIOUS AND DID
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NOT APPEAR TO BE INTENDED TO OBSTRUCT THE DEVELOPMENT OF MILITARY/TECHNICAL CRITERIA.

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